Fiscal Year 2022-23 Capital Construction Request

Education

State Board Room Renovation

PROGRAM PLAN STATUS

2023-028

Approved Program Plan

Yes

Date Approved:

May 1, 2021

PRIORITY NUMBERS

Prioritized By Priority

CDE 1 of 1

OSPB 11 of 27 Recommended for funding.

PRIOR APPROPRIATIONS AND REQUEST INFORMATION

Fund Source	Prior Approp.	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	Future Requests	<u>Total Costs</u>
CCF	\$0	\$1,774,654	\$0	\$0	\$1,774,654
Total	\$0	\$1,774,654	\$0	\$0	\$1,774,654

ITEMIZED COST INFORMATION

Cost Item	Prior Approp.	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	Future Requests	Total Cost
Land Acquisition	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Professional Services	\$0	\$87,954	\$0	\$0	\$87,954
Construction	\$0	\$1,440,958	\$0	\$0	\$1,440,958
Equipment	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$30,000
Miscellaneous	\$0	\$54,410	\$0	\$0	\$54,410
Contingency	\$0	\$161,332	\$0	\$0	\$161,332
Total	\$0	\$1,774,654	\$0	\$0	\$1,774,654

PROJECT STATUS

This is a new, never-before-requested project.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION / SCOPE OF WORK

The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) is requesting state funds to remodel and modernize the board room in the State Office Building at 201 East Colfax Avenue in Denver. The board room hosts State Board of Education meetings, and the project is driven by increased space needs due to an expansion of the board by two members.

The project expands the board room by incorporating adjacent office space, bringing the board room to 3,120 GSF. The renovation addresses electrical, mechanical, environmental, accessibility, and security issues in the space. The project also upgrades the space's audio-visual equipment and room acoustics, which will improve remote participation and live streaming.

Cost assumption. Working in conjunction with Capitol Complex personnel, CDE hired an architect and audio-visual/acoustics team to provide options to the department. The architect also worked with mechanical and electrical engineers to determine certain component costs. The project accounts for inflation at a rate of 5.0 percent. The project's cost per GSF is \$569. The project meets the Art in Public Places Program requirements, and is exempt from the High Performance Certification program.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

Based on the addition of a Congressional district to Colorado and in conformance with state law, the State Board of Education will grow from seven to nine members. The two new members will take office in January 2023, and CDE says the board room where the State Board of Education meets is not conducive to accommodating the new members along with the public. The room does not have enough space for a dais that accommodates the new membership. The department says the room has not been renovated in 30 years, and thus requires renovations to address deferred maintenance, code issues, and ADA accessibility requirements. The department says the renovated board room will also be used by staff for collaborative meetings and training exercises when board meetings are not being held.

Project alternative. The department considered renting or leasing off-site space to hold the board meetings, but determined that moving back and forth between the rented space and the State Office Building would be prohibitively expensive. Further, the department says that, since the State Board of Education is an elected body, it needs a stable location for its meetings and the current board room is centrally located.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Colorado State Board of Education is a seven-member board governing CDE. Members are elected based upon Congressional district, with at-large members added to ensure an odd-numbered board. The board will be expanding to nine members in January 2023 because Colorado is gaining a Congressional seat based upon the results of the 2020 Census. The State Office Building, where the board room is located, is part of the Capitol Complex administered by the Department of Personnel and Administration.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

	Start Date	Completion Date
Design	March 2021	July 2022
Construction	July 2022	December 2022
Equipment		
Occupancy		January 2023

SOURCE OF CASH FUNDS

This project is not funded from cash sources.

OPERATING BUDGET

The department expects the project to result in increased operating costs for additional security and technical support.

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STAFF QUESTIONS AND ISSUES

All staff questions have been incorporated into the project write-up.